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Good afternoon.

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The advertisers seem to be much pleased with the change.

What have you contributed to the Roswell car? Do not forget it.

It is authoritatively announced that the Santa Fe cut-off has not been abandoned.

Tuesday, August 18th 1904, will be New Mexico Day at the big St. Louis fair. Will you be there?

The cadets are beginning to arrive. Roswell will look more natural with their presence on the streets.

Roswell will miss her morning paper but will soon become used to have her daily news served in the afternoon.

Three weeks from to-day the Roswell fair begins and there is no doubt but it will be bigger and better than ever before.

It will never do to again speak of Vesuvius as "she" or "her" after learning that it has thrown rocks a distance of 600 feet.—Optic.

"The people of the Fifth judicial district believe in home rule," is the slogan which flares across the first page of the Roswell Record. The Fifth district wants a judge from among its own and the people do not hesitate to say so.—Albuquerque Journal Democrat.

New Mexico has 69 newspapers, of which 5 are daily. 57 weeklies, 39 being English, 15 in Spanish and 3 in both languages. There are 7 monthly publications. The daily newspapers are the Santa Fe New Mexican, the Albuquerque Citizen, the Albuquerque Journal-Democrat, the Las Vegas Optic and the Roswell Record.

Llano station, on the El Paso & Northeastern is the junction point of the Santa Fe cut off, or the eastern railroad of New Mexico which joins the Santa Fe branch to El Paso, at Belen, thirty miles below Albuquerque, and which is ultimately intended to tap the Pecos Valley and northeastern branch at Roswell, N. M.—Albuquerque Journal-Democrat.

We hardly expect this cut-off, but if it will persist in coming, "Roswell is willing."

Chaves County First.

Cantaloupes superior to those grown in and about Rocky Ford in the Arkansas Valley in Colorado are produced in the Pecos

Chaves county and in the Mesilla Valley in Dona Ana county, and the production is rapidly increasing. A ready sale is found for these melons and there is every reason to believe that within two or three years they will supplant the Rocky Ford article in this section and in western Texas as well as in Kansas City and in Chicago. The Mesilla Valley can supply the full demand of this territory while the Roswell country can fill all orders in western Texas, Kansas, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago, cheaper, quicker and better than can the Rocky Ford section. Mesilla Valley and the Pecos Valley cantaloupes are already being shipped in carload lots, and this trade of course will increase as time goes on. Arid New Mexico is doing very well in many lines of agriculture and horticulture and what is more, with improved methods, modern machinery and more extensive and better irrigation systems there is a great future before it in this direction.—New Mexican.

Washington Letter.

Special to The Record.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—The scandal affecting the administration of Indian affairs, and involving both the department of the Interior and that of Justice, is growing daily and already the revelations have caused the gravest concern to the administration which appreciates that the discovery of corruption in two important departments of government, following so closely on the heels of the postoffice scandals cannot but have a serious effect on the fortunes of the republican party at the polls. With a view to offsetting the damaging effect of recent revelations, Secretary Hitchcock has announced he will immediately appoint a commissioner to investigate all of his employees involved in the irregularities and also the members of the Dawes Commission, and the acting Attorney General has stated that a special commissioner will be promptly sent to the Indian Territory to investigate the alleged connection of several officials of the department of Justice with concerns organized for the purpose of making profits at the expense of the Indians.

An example of the condition of affairs now existing in the Indian Territory is shown by the situation at Muskogee, where the Dawes Commission has an office. The Canadian Valley Trust Company, of which Tams Bixby, the chairman of the Dawes Commission, is president, and P. G. Reuter, clerk in charge of the land office of the Commission, is a director, has its offices in the same building as the Dawes Commission and occupies the same apartments, on the ground floor as were formerly occupied by the Commission, the Commission having removed to the second floor. As a result of this happy arrangement, the untutored savage walks innocently into the office of the Trust Company, to the representatives of which he explains his business. It is alleged that these representatives are not always scrupulous to explain that they are not, at that particular moment, representing the Dawes Commission but are members of a private institution, and the Indian, who has valuable lands to lease or sell, completes his business according to their dictation, makes his mark in the presence of witnesses and goes his way, all innocent of the fact that he has not been dealing with the Dawes Commission, the authorized representative of the government, and equally innocent of the fact that in the lease he has just executed is a contract for the sale of the lands at the expiration of the lease at a nominal figure, the contract to take effect as soon as the law will permit him to part with his patrimony.

Some conception of the gravity of the situation and the opportunities for fraud existing, where the very representatives of the government are appointed to protect the Indians are officers and directors of concerns organized to take advantage of his ignorance,

may be gathered from the fact that the Indian lands now being allotted in severalty are estimated worth upwards of \$15,000,000, aggregating over \$20,000,000 acres, some of it the finest land in the United States, and much of it excellently situated with regard to markets and railway facilities. Several members of the Dawes Commission, United States Attorneys and Indian Agents are charged with being interested in these companies, most of which have been organized within the past nine months, and all of which give promise of paying unusually large dividends, in their prospectuses.

An official announcement of the resignation of Secretary of War Root has come from Oyster Bay together with the information that Judge Taft, Governor General of the Philippines, will be Mr. Root's successor and that Vice Governor Luke E. Wright of Tennessee will be Judge Taft's successor as head of the Philippine Commission. The retirement of Secretary Root will prove a source of regret to many besides the President for all who have come in contact with the retiring Secretary have appreciated that, regardless of their attitude towards the policy of the administration, Mr. Root has performed his duties with exceptional ability and earnestness. His accomplishment of the general staff policy in the army and the virtual restoration of peace in the Philippines, together with his successful administration of the affairs of Cuba will remain as a monument to an exceptionally successful and able administration of an important department under circumstances, at times, the most trying.

Now that the postoffice investigation is nearing an end, prominent republican politicians are hastening to Oyster Bay to exert their influence on the President to prevent full publication of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow's report. Just what answer the President is making to these appeals cannot be learned in Washington, but it is known that before leaving for Oyster Bay Mr. Roosevelt pledged his word that the entire report would be made public when the investigation was completed and that no guilty person should be shielded. It is known that the report places in a most unfavorable light many politicians, who, because of the statute of limitations, because of the cleverness with which they covered up their tracks, have not been prosecuted, and it is supposed to be the friends of these who are pleading with the President to suppress the facts. It is believed, however, that the President will remember the experience of Postmaster General Payne in attempting to suppress Mr. Bristow's reply to the Tulloch charges and will profit by that unfortunate blunder. That the public will never be satisfied until the full report has been made public and that it will regard any attempt at suppression by the administration as a prima facie evidence of guilt is evident from the expressions of the few editors who have already learned of the attempt to that end.

Opera House Improvements.

The M. E. Church has leased from S. E. Patton for twelve months the south side of the lower floor of the opera house, and are beginning at once to fix it up for church purposes. When completed according to their present intentions they will have a most comfortable and convenient room for their services.

The school board has also subleased from the church two rooms which will be used for school purposes. Sometime ago the school board attempted to lease a part of the lower floor of the opera house for school purposes but they found that the expense of getting up same to make it fit for school purposes would be far in excess of the value of the rental for the time that they could use it. Propositions were also made for the rental of part of the second and third stories but on account of the difficulty in heating the auditorium, and the danger of fire in having children in the upper story all these plans were with good judgement abandoned.

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Briefly stated the plan is this: Each firm who is interested in the contest, is provided with voting tickets, and for each ten cents worth of goods purchased or work done, issues a ticket entitling the holder to one vote. The ticket can be voted for the church, lodge, society or club of the purchaser's preference. A ten cent purchase entitles to one vote, twenty cents to two votes, fifty cents to five votes, one dollar to ten votes, five dollars to fifty votes, and so on. These tickets should be filled out in ink or indelible pencil, the merchant filling in amount of purchase and number of votes, the customer filling in for which church, lodge or other organization the vote is to be cast and name of voter. There must be no erasure or alterations on the tickets. They can only be had from the firms who have secured an interest in the contest and only from them in return for cash purchases of goods. No charge whatever is made for the tickets.

The voting box is at The Pecos Valley Drug Co., where all tickets should be deposited same day as received. On each Wednesday the vote will be counted and the standing of contestants announced in The Weekly Record. A disinterested committee will be elected to count the votes.

The contest is now on and will close October 7th, 1903, at noon, at which time the piano will be awarded.

ed to the organization receiving the greatest number of votes cast. Remember it costs nothing whatever to try for this piano, so get in the race and vote for your favorite organization.

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